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Corrigendum

1. Annex II, Chairman's working paper

(a) Section (ii) Main Committee issues

Under the heading "Nuclear disarmament", insert the following after the first paragraph:

- The advisory opinion tendered by the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons should be recalled, by which the Court recognized that all members of the international community have an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control. All States concerned, in particular the nuclear-weapon States, are urged to engage seriously in meaningful negotiations with a view to achieving early, further significant reductions of nuclear stockpiles as a step towards the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons.

  Constructive engagement with the nuclear Powers towards the goal of a world free of nuclear weapons is therefore needed. All delegations should take note of the significant and encouraging statements coming from the recent Helsinki summit meeting.

  The need to assess current verification procedures with a view to making these more stringent and effective must be further examined.

  Accelerated work on a cut-off treaty on fissile materials is required.

  Negotiations, as a matter of some urgency, on a nuclear-weapons convention should commence. Such a convention would take us closer to the goal of total elimination of nuclear weapons under international verification and control. This could be assisted through the establishment of an inter-sessional working group.

(b) Section (iv) Main Committee III issues

Under the heading "Peaceful uses of nuclear energy", insert the following before the last paragraph on page 42:

- In the area of conversion of nuclear materials to peaceful uses, increased attention should be paid to problems of safety and contamination related to the discontinuation of nuclear operations formerly associated with nuclear-weapon programmes, including, where appropriate, the safe resettlement of any displaced human populations and the restoration of economic productivity to affected areas. In this regard, a special responsibility exists towards the people of former United Nations Trust Territories who have been adversely affected as a result of the nuclear-weapon tests conducted during the period of Trusteeship. Furthermore, consideration should be given by all Governments and international organizations that have expertise in the clean-up and disposal of radioactive contaminants to providing appropriate assistance as may be requested for remedial purposes in adversely affected areas. This decision was endorsed by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.

2. Annex II, appendix

The document entitled "General considerations to be taken into account by parties in the review process" (NPT/CONF.2000/PC.I/11), submitted by the Marshall Islands, should be included.